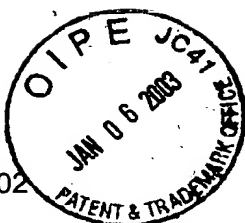


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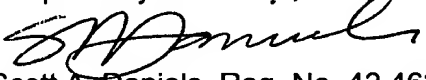
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension, in order to respond to the official action mailed June 27, 2002, thereby extending the term for response to and including **December 27, 2002**. A check in the amount of \$460, based on the Applicant's small entity status, is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

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